Compulsory retirement from service.

157. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: In regard to persons who were drawing a pay of Rs. 400 and over from Travancore service during the period from Kanni 1108 to 15th Vrischigom 1113;

(1) will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether during the above period any of the above mentioned officers were granted pension before they completed their official age of 55;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative whether there is any special reason for the same and, if so, what and

(2) will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste showing the departments and appointments of the persons so pensioned off, the date of the grant of pension and the amount of pension?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(1) (*b*) and (2) A statement furnishing the required information is appended.

Subordinates in the P. W. D.

158. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: With reference to the Travancore Public Works Department, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the minimum examination qualifications that the Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Sub-Engineers and Section Officers of the Department should possess;

(*b*) whether there is any one at present in the Department who does not possess such minimum qualifications, if so, who that person is;

(*c*) whether the Maistries in the Work Establishment of the Department have, in a body, submitted petitions to the Government or to the Chief Engineer that they should be made permanent and eligible for pension; if so, how long it is since they began to submit such petitions and how many such petitions have been received; and

(*d*) if such petitions have been received, whether any enquiry has been made in the matter or whether any action has been taken and, if so, the nature of the action taken to redress their grievances?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) The member is referred to Appendix 1—A of the T. S R. under P. W. D.

(*b*) The †list is put up. Some of the men in the grades of Executive, Assistant and Sub Engineers and Supervisors were either permanent or acting in the grades on the date of the G. O. on minimum qualification and so they have been exempted from the operation of the G. O.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*c*).

* *Vide* Appendix I

† *Vide* Appendix II

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to question No. 157.**

Name.	Designation.	Caste.	Amount of pension.	Date of effect.	Reasons for retirement.
1. Mr. H. S. Chatfield.	Chief Justice.	European.	£ 58-6-8 per mensem.	22-10-1108	As per the terms of his special covenant.
2. Mr. S. Ramaswamy Iyer	Surgeon, General Hospital.	Brahmin.	Rs. 260-14-0 per mensem.	1-12-1109	Voluntary retirement from service.
3. Miss F. E. Grose	Lady Principal, The College for Women.	European.	£ 105 per annum or £8-15-0 per mensem.	2-11-1112	Her term of service was terminated owing to the reduction of the Women's College from the 1st Grade to the 2nd Grade.